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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR REISSUE**

Dear Examiner:

In the Claims:

21. (New) A system for controlling a motorized wheelchair by vocal sounds from an operator, wherein the motorized wheelchair can be in any one of a plurality of states, including states of movement and non-movement of the motorized wheelchair, said system comprising:

a controller responsive to electrical signals to change  
the state of the motorized wheelchair from any one  
of the plurality of states to another, wherein  
each of the electrical signals corresponds to a  
change of state;

a sound recognition converter for converting vocal  
sounds into a plurality of said electrical  
signals;

a sound transducer for transmitting said sounds from  
the operator to said recognition converter;

a seat having a tilt mechanism for tilting the seat  
relative to a support surface for the wheelchair;  
and

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